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3 By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.47 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 The administrator shall establish a health care savings account and
10 catastrophic insurance pilot project for a four-year period separately
11 administered by the Washington state health care authority. The pilot
12 project is exempt from the provisions and requirements of Title 48 RCW,
13 except that the premium or prepayment tax imposed by RCW 48.14.0201
14 shall be applied to the catastrophic insurance premium. Requirements
15 on eligibility, enrollee financial participation, and account
16 management and use may be similar to the provisions of the federal
17 medical savings account program of the federal health insurance
18 portability and accountability act of 1996 (Part C, Title III, section
19 301), as amended. The administrator shall contract with an actuarial
20 firm to develop the pilot project. The firm must have extensive
21 knowledge of the operations of health care savings accounts coverage
22 and must have in its employ an actuary who is a fellow of the American
23 academy of actuaries and who demonstrates a minimum of two years of
24 experience performing actuarial analyses of health care savings account
25 coverage and programs. The administrator shall submit a status report
26 to the appropriate committees of the legislature no later than January
27 31, 1999, detailing the contracted actuarial firm's findings, including
28 projected product costs, minimum recommended enrollment targets, and an
29 evaluation of the program's impact on the health insurance market in
30 Washington state. The administrator shall offer the pilot project no
31 later than October 1, 1999. The administrator shall conduct an
32 evaluation on the pilot project's effectiveness and report its finding
33 to the appropriate committees of the legislature by December 31, 2002.
34 Except for start-up costs, including program development and
35 procurement, the full cost of the pilot project, including
36 administration, marketing, and evaluation, is to be incurred by

1 enrollee premiums and no additional cost is to be incurred by the
2 state. The administrator may use grants and gifts for the purpose of
3 supporting program development and operation."

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7 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "plan;" strike the remainder
8 of the title and insert "and adding a new section to chapter 70.47
9 RCW."

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